AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

A method for producing 1-[(substituted phenyl)phenylmethyl]piperazines useful as intermediates for pharmaceuticals and the like, more particularly, for example, to an intermediate for the production of antiallergic pharmaceuticals.—There is provided a A 4-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)piperazine compound of formula (1).

wherein X denotes a chlorine atom, a C1-C3 alkyl group or a C1-C3 alkoxy group, and an optical isomer present therein.

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